

solar photovoltaic roof panels in the mountain community of Big Bear Lake. It will be a pilot program, jointly sponsored by Bear Valley Electric Service, the City of Big Bear Lake, and the Bear Valley Unified School District. The goal of the project is to measure the viability of using photovoltaic technology in a mountain community environment for city and commercial purposes.

Amount: \$3,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN
OPERATIONS, AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

The House In Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3081, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010. In addition to providing for operations at the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development, the bill includes important funding for broader diplomatic and development efforts around the world. It provides needed assistance for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq; fulfills the U.S. commitment to assist the security of our ally Israel; and maintains vital support for peacekeeping missions in places like Darfur, Haiti, Lebanon, and Somalia.

I applaud the amendment by Chairwoman LOWEY to restrict military assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka. As the process of rebuilding from that nation's long conflict begins, the United States must ensure that the Sri Lankan Government protects the rights of all its citizens and allows humanitarian assistance to reach all those in need.

Other important provisions in H.R. 3081 will advance global health, including the fights against HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. The bill makes available \$1 billion each for programs that will improve access to basic education worldwide and provide for global food security and agricultural development. I am pleased that H.R. 3081 provides increased funding to expand the Peace Corps; enhance educational and cultural exchanges; and strengthen microfinance programs that help the world's poorest people, especially women, lift themselves out of poverty.

This is a good bill that will help our Nation accomplish many important tasks. However, there is one area that I believe deserves greater attention, and that role is that science should play in American diplomacy and foreign aid. The fundamental role of science and technology in international development has long been recognized, but over time we have dismantled our staffing and support structure in this area. We must refurbish the science and technology workforce at USAID so that we can effectively address global challenges like

health, poverty, environmental hazards, and food security. U.S. scientists, working alongside their foreign counterparts, can help other countries build the indigenous institutions and expertise that will create sustainable, domestic solutions to pressing issues. At the same time, these efforts generate respect and affinity around the world for the United States, one of the many underappreciated benefits that will accrue from more fully integrating science and scientists into our diplomatic efforts. H.R. 3081 makes important strides toward rebuilding our diplomatic capacity, but as part of that effort, we should focus on enhancing the scientific expertise and capacity at the State Department.

The U.S. also should support more robust scientist exchange programs, which foster lasting ties between individuals and allow societies to share discoveries that advance our collective knowledge. Similarly, international research facilities provide a setting to generate productive science while advancing cultural understanding and building bridges between nations. One example is the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East. Known as "SESAME," this project is being completed in Jordan under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The facility will bring together Arabs, Israelis, and other scientists from the region to work cooperatively on dozens of simultaneous experiments in fields ranging from biological and medical sciences to archaeology.

The U.S. should vigorously support and participate in these types of initiatives. We have much to offer the rest of the world with respect to science and technology, but we also have much to learn and much to gain by scientific engagement. I look forward to working with the Administration and my colleagues in Congress to strengthen our international efforts and diplomatic capability in these areas.

PROVIDING FOR DESIGN OF SLAVE
LABOR MARKER IN CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 135. I commend my colleague from Georgia, Representative JOHN LEWIS, for introducing this important legislation that acknowledges the role slave labor had in the construction of the U.S. Capitol building.

Over four hundred enslaved African Americans performed the backbreaking work of quarrying the stone which now comprises many of the floors, walls, and columns of the U.S. Capitol. They were carpenters, masons, painters, and roofers—all skilled workers who built this important symbol of American democracy, while at the same time were denied their freedom by the evil grasp of slavery.

Mr. Lewis' resolution calls for a marker in the Capitol Visitor Center's Emancipation Hall dedicated to the enslaved African-Americans who helped build the Capitol. This marker would serve as a humble token of appreciation

and teach visitors about this vital part of the Capitol's history.

The American people deserve a government that is honest about its past. It is only by recognizing the past, in all its complexities, that we can fully appreciate what we now have in the present, and build a better future. Slavery in no shape or form shall be acceptable in the eyes of the United States, which is why we must always give thanks and appreciation to the hundreds of enslaved workers who contributed to the making of this building. Though they themselves were denied personal freedom, they courageously constructed a testament to freedom that has represented this great nation for over 200 years. It is time for their efforts to be brought forward from the shadows of history.

I strongly urge all my colleagues to vote for H. Con. Res. 135, and would again like to thank my friend JOHN LEWIS for introducing this important legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks that I requested on behalf of local government entities in my congressional district in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Norco

Address of Requesting Entity: 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$750,000 for the City of Norco's Waste-to-Energy Facility. Last year, a preliminary feasibility study prepared for the City of Norco showed that thermal conversion of horse manure and bedding material into electricity appears to be a viable proposition, both technologically and financially. The city is now taking steps towards a contract for the design and construction of a manure-to-energy facility. The requested funding will allow the city to design and engineer the project. When complete, the project will allow the city to reduce its carbon footprint by providing an environmentally friendly "green" source of renewable energy to citizens of Norco and surrounding communities. The City of Norco will provide the non-federal cost-share of the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA 91708

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$100,000 for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency's Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Project. The Inland

Empire Regional Water Recycling Project will produce 100,000 acre-feet of recycled water per year when the project is complete. The water will be used for outdoor irrigation, industrial processes and recharging groundwater basins, thereby serving the needs of 800,000 current residents in the Inland Empire. The requested funding will be allocated to engineering design and construction of the project. The non-federal funding will be provided by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$2,000,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' Murrieta Creek project. Murrieta Creek poses a severe flood threat to the cities of Murrieta and Temecula, where overflow flooding from this undersized creek with a tributary watershed of over 220 square miles has periodically wreaked havoc, most recently in 1993 when the public and private sectors incurred flood-related damages of nearly \$20 million, and nearby Camp Pendleton Marine Base suffered \$88 million in damages. The project, developed jointly by the Corps of Engineers and the local sponsor, not only provides flood protection for these two communities, but also includes other elements such as environmental restoration and recreation that will serve as the lynchpin for regional economic development. The requested funding will be used to award and construct the project's entire Phase II reach, which includes protection for Old Town Temecula, as well as to complete the Design Documentation Report (DDR) and the preparation of plans and specifications for Phase III's Multi-Purpose Detention Basin.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Orange County Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$100,000 for the Orange County Water District's Orange County Regional Water Reclamation Project. The Orange County Water District diverts secondary treated waste water from the Orange County Sanitation District that would otherwise be disposed of in the ocean. The waste water is highly treated using microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultra violet light with hydrogen peroxide. Currently, half of the collected water is injected into groundwater basin along the coast to create a barrier preventing seawater from intruding our precious drinking water supplies and is pumped to the District recharge basins for percolation into the groundwater basin. The project would expand the capacity of the current plant by an additional 18 million gallons per day. Additional microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet light treatment equipment would be purchased and installed. A significant portion of the infrastructure has already been constructed to accommodate an expansion. This includes the yard piping,

pump stations, and the electrical backbone. When the Ground Water Replenishment System was designed and constructed, all piping, facilities, electrical systems, and the site were designed for an ultimate capacity of 130 million gallons per day.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Municipal Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 450 Alessandro Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92508

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$1,000,000 for the Western Municipal Water District's Riverside-Corona Feeder project. The Riverside-Corona Feeder project captures and stores new water to increase firm water supplies, reduce water costs and improve water quality as well as reduces regional dependence upon increasingly unreliable imported supplies from the State Water Project, the Colorado River and the northern Bay-Delta. The project will also be equipped to clean plumes of perchlorate and VOCs in the Bunker Hill basin, and will provide a link among groundwater basins in the region. In addition to the Bunker Hill Basin, the Feeder will allow water supplies to be conjunctively used in the Chino, Riverside and Arlington groundwater basins, further enhancing the ability of the region to withstand droughts and providing a mechanism to allow treatment and recovery of poor quality groundwater found in these basins.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Investigations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$221,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' Riverside County Special Area Management Plan. The Corps is developing the nation's largest Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) for both the San Jacinto and Upper Santa Margarita Watersheds, which by assisting federal, state and local agencies with their decision making and permitting authority, will position those agencies to protect, restore and enhance aquatic resources while also accommodating various types of development activities and public infrastructure projects. The Corps has already made significant progress on a "Landscape Level Aquatic Resource Delineation" and "Functional Assessment" to help in determining the value of area waters and wetlands. Once completed, the plan will not only streamline the permitting process to foster regional economic development, but it will also create and protect woodlands, wetlands, freshwater marshes, vernal pools, streams, lakes and rivers. The Corps had developed alternatives incorporating Riverside County's previously approved Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and the General Plan and the information learned from the Landscape Level Delineation and Functional Assessments. They have also started the process of preparing environmental documents for NEPA and CEQA compliance. The requested funding will be used to complete the EIR/EIS, complete the development

of the Abbreviated Permits and complete the Resource Conservation Plan to adequately mitigate for impacts to jurisdictional waters authorized through the issuance of SAMP permits.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Investigations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$100,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' San Clemente Shoreline project. Erosion of the protective beach in San Clemente has caused much of the study area to have little if any beach, particularly during the winter season. Storm induced waves have become a serious threat over the past several years to City facilities, the Lossan railroad, commercial properties, infrastructure, and coastal residences. The public components of these facilities threatened by erosion and coastal storms have a value of over \$10 million. Also, there have been emergency revetments placed in several areas along the study area to prevent damage to the railroad from storms. It is estimated that the railroad will be required to spend \$14-\$20 million in the future to protect the rail line. Restoration of a protective beach will reduce these costs for protection. The requested funding will allow the Corps of Engineers to complete work on the feasibility study and move towards the project's design.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$582,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' San Juan Creek, South Orange County, project. The Corps of Engineers began the San Juan Creek Watershed Feasibility Study in 1998 and the initial study phase was completed in 2003. The project has now moved into what the Corps calls a "spin-off" study. The spin-off study is a more focused and narrowly defined study of flood control and ecosystem restoration alternatives in the very bottom of the watershed in the cities of Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano. With sufficient federal appropriations in FY2010 and FY2011, the study will be completed. The project has taken on additional importance with the failure of 1,500 linear feet of concrete channel lining on January 9, 2005. About 3,200 residents in the Cities of Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano were evacuated in the early morning hours. The County of Orange declared an emergency and together with the Corps of Engineers placed large rock on the exposed earthen slope as a temporary repair.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$52,193,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' Santa Ana River Mainstem project. The Santa Ana River Mainstem Project is being constructed to address what the Corps of Engineers identified in the 1980s as "the worst flood threat west of the Mississippi River"—which then impacted three million people and 110,000 acres located in the three Southern California counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, with estimated loss of 3,000 lives and \$15 billion in economic losses (1987–8 price levels). To date, the Federal Government and the flood control districts of the impacted counties have spent over \$1 billion on the Project. Continued funding is necessary to complete the Project and ensure the level of protection as planned. Specifically, funding is needed to complete the Reach 9 component, which is the last section of the Santa Ana River, between Prado Dam and the Pacific Ocean, to be improved as part of the project. Until the Reach 9 channel and levee improvements are completed, this reach of the river will not be able to convey the maximum 30,000 cubic feet per second outflow from the new Prado Dam outlet works. The completion of Reach 9 is necessary to provide the level of protection envisioned by the authorized project. The overflow from Reach 9 would destroy local businesses, commercial properties and homes and the adjacent sections of the State 91 freeway, a major transportation artery in the region. Interior dikes in the Prado Dam flood control basin and the construction of a new Prado Dam spillway are additional components of the project that must be funded.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Account: Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles

District Address of Requesting Entity: 915 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Description of Request: The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides \$800,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers' Seven Oaks Dam Water Conservation Study. The requested funding would allow the Corps of Engineers to perform much needed studies and amend the water control plan to permit Seven Oaks Dam to be used for water conservation. The winter rains of 2005 demonstrated beyond question that water conservation at Seven Oaks Dam can provide a major supplemental source of water for this increasingly water-short region. Specifically, the studies will update the environmental documents relating to water conservation at Seven Oaks. The studies will also address the problem of anaerobic conditions that developed during the summer of 2004 so as to ensure that such conditions do not contaminate water stored for human consumption in the future.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, SAM JOHNSON, am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Center for Energy Storage Research at The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Rd. MP-15, Richardson, TX, USA 75080.

This project is funded through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account. The \$1,000,000 in funding will be used to continue to develop next generation energy storage materials and systems by analyzing the role nanomaterial components can play in functional energy storage systems.

The rapid increase in world energy consumption has raised a serious challenge to develop renewable energy sources which can sustain the global energy infrastructure. The majority of renewable energy sources are converted into electrical energy, which serves as a convenient energy carrier. For future renewable energy applications, electrical energy storage systems will be a critical enabling infrastructure requirement. Currently available electrical energy storage systems include electrochemical capacitors (ECs), batteries, and hydrogen storage combined with fuel cells. Compared to hydrocarbon fossil fuels combined with internal combustion engine (ICE), these energy storage systems do not have sufficient energy storage density or power density. To enable a large scale energy storage application, it will be important to explore the possibilities of developing energy storage systems which approach the energy and power density of ICE.

HONORING ZYGIMANTAS ZALYS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant and dedicated father, Firefighter Zygimantas Zalus of Woodbridge, Virginia. Firefighter Zalus currently serves his community as a member of the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department. "Z", as he is known around the fire station, marked two years with the Manassas Department in April of 2009 and has three additional years of firefighting experience with the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighter Zalus immigrated to the United States from Lithuania and embraced the spirit of public service in his adopted country. In his role as a firefighter, he has shown a commitment to public welfare and a willingness to sacrifice his personal well-being for the safety of his neighbors and community. He bears this responsibility with a wife and 14-month-old son awaiting his return home from every shift.

It came as a shock to the Zalus family when "Z" was recently diagnosed with advanced pancreatic and liver cancer. "Z", so accustomed to protecting others, found the fire department offering its unconditional support. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police officers have volunteered their time and energy to help the Zalus family. The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4466 responded by organizing a softball tournament. The "Z" Tournament will raise funds for the Zalus family's medical bills and help to supplement their income during this time of need. The response from the region's public safety departments has been a lesson in community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join the public safety community in this remarkable show of solidarity. Firefighter Zalus and his family are not alone in their fight against this devastating disease. Men and women dedicated to the selfless protection of others stand together in the face of adversity, bonded by sacrifice and a sense of duty.

HONORING THE MONITOR

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a Fifth District newspaper, The Monitor, on the tremendous honors it received at the 2009 Texas Press Association Convention.

The Monitor is a fixture in Mabank, Texas, and it represented the community proudly in the Semi-Weekly Division of the annual Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

Mr. Kerry Yancey, Editor of The Monitor, received 1st place in the Sports Photo category, 3rd place in Featured Photo and 4th place in Sports Coverage.

Ms. Pearl Cantrell, Managing Editor of The Monitor, and Mr. Yancey teamed-up to win 3rd place in News Writing.

As the Congressman of the Fifth District and subscriber to The Monitor, I am extremely pleased to see their hard work receive such deserving recognition. On behalf of the residents of the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kerry Yancey and Ms. Pearl Cantrell, as well as the entire staff at The Monitor, on these accomplishments.

H.R. 1511, THE "TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I support H.R. 1511, the "Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009." This bill was sponsored by Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH of New Jersey. The bill's purpose is to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for FY2010–FY2011 which will provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture. I